

Painswick Parish Council June 2019

Report from District Councillor Nigel Cooper.

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### Committees

Since my last report in April we have held our AGM at Stroud District Council , as there been no district elections and therefore no influx of new members there were only minor changes to committee membership. The three District Councillors for this ward, Painswick & Upton, are still on the following committees

Keith Pearson : Strategy & Resources + Audit & Standards

Julie Job : Community Services & Licensing

Nigel Cooper : Strategy & Resources + Development Control  
(Planning)

We also sit on a number of ad hoc groups. I have stood down as Leader of the Conservative Group, I am now deputy to Cllr Stephen Davies.

### Environment

In 2015 Stroud District Council was the first local council in Europe to carbon neutral and we are now working towards achieving a carbon neutral district by 2030.

At the Environment Committee on June 6<sup>th</sup> this was discussed and more details of how this ambitious target might be achieved. In particular one of my Conservative colleagues ( Cllr Mossman) proposed three motions covering electric vehicle (EV) charging points being installed on Council property and in particular public car parks, and that they should run on green energy, and that

representations be made to Wester Power regarding grid capacity (currently being restricted). All three motions were passed unanimously.

At your annual meeting a resident raised this very matter in respect of Stamages Lane car park., for which I am most grateful. I know the County Council is also considering the EV charging points situation, so hopefully all parties will co-ordinate action on this.

### Planning

Last week The planning application for a new 5,000 seat football stadium by M5 Junction 13 was refused by Development Control Committee. This application was Forest Green Rovers who want to move from Nailsworth. The committee was split on this but in the end turned it down for a number of reasons , not the least because the site was outside of all settlement boundaries , was not in the local plan , and the harm to the amenities of local residents.

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